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FROM THE OCTOBER TOWN MEETING

The commissioners requested advice from the State Highway Administration with respect to traffic control and weight limits on the Town's new main street. This street is constructed to state highway standards and will withstand the weight permitted statewide. SHA also recommended against 4-way stop signs at Main Street and Maple or Greenfield. The Commissioners are looking into ways to reduce the number of heavy trucks on Main Street and Maple Avenue.

The Town's accounting firm, Wilson & McGinnis, reported on the annual audit performed for the town. Trappe has incurred lower than expected costs from the water and sewer system. This is due to delays in construction of the sewer plant. In all other respects the town finances are in good condition and the audit reported favorably on the town's financial procedures.



Trappe Parks and Recreation's board requested support for its fund raising. A contribution was made to offset the cost of postage. P&R have been granted about \$160,000 in open space funding for the Home Run Baker Sports Park. Local funding must be raised for 25% of this amount. If you wish to support this cause, contributions can be made at the Town Office. Additional Information and a sign up sheet are available at the Trappe Post Office.

The Town now holds a deed to the small "park" on the lake at Harrison Circle. Amber McKewen and Lori Hemming have agreed to report in November on how local residents feel this property should be used.

Approval was given for purchases of additional new office equipment for the wastewater treatment plant lab and the Town office.

Town Commission meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Public attendance is encouraged.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

This commission is currently working on regulations which will affect the Town Center overlay zone. There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 1998 at the Town Office at 7:00 p.m. to receive input concerning an amendment to the Trappe Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment will create an Overlay Zone over the traditional Trappe Town Center. Planning commission meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

SPECIAL TRASH PICK UP DATES

October 31st is heavy trash day for this quarter. Tree limbs must be cut to three-foot lengths, containers are limited to 30 gal. Please, no vehicle tires, and no paint or hazardous material.

We are trying something new! On November 16th there will be a special GRASS AND LEAF pickup for these items only. No Trash or junk please! Clippings and leaves can be disposed of other than at the landfill thus helping to reduce our trash disposal costs. Regular trash collection days are unchanged, each Tuesday morning. Please cover your cans to keep water out. Newspapers and many other items can be taken to the recycle center. Using this center helps keep your tax rate low.



SUPPORT AMERICA RECYCLES DAY ON NOV. 15th.



Recycling saves energy, natural resources and landfill space. But to keep recycling working, we need to buy products made from the materials we've already recycled. If you're not buying recycled, you're not truly recycling. For some great ways to support America Recycles Day, visit <http://www.mde.state.md.us/was/recycle/index.html>

CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE

There will be another delay in acquiring a construction permit for the new wastewater treatment plant. The environmental group, *Talbot Rivers and Streams Protection Association*, attended a public hearing for the Trappe wastewater discharge permit renewal. Their concern is not with the Town's treatment plant but with the State. They believe that the Maryland Department of the Environment has an inadequate water quality monitoring program for tributaries in Talbot County, and thus has no proper basis for granting or refusing the discharge permit. The fact that the proposed new treatment plant will significantly reduce the level of discharged Phosphorus and other nutrients is apparently not material to their concern. Their position is understandable but the choice of this platform was unfortunate. They have effectively caused a five-month delay in the building permit while MDE works out its response. This means a five-month delay before the new treatment plant can start reducing the discharge levels of the very substances they are concerned about.

OCTOBER 31st BLOCK PARTY

On this date Main Street ceases to be State Route 565 and becomes Main Street, Trappe. The churches, Lions club, Fire Company, and Little League have cooperated for a day of celebration. Check the inclosed flier for details.

Activities start at **Scotts United Methodist Church** about 10:00 a.m. with plenty of food and fun: seafood sandwiches, fries, candy apples, sodas, cider, face painting, sack races, and more!

Trappe United Methodist Church kicks off a Kids day with video games and activities including a bake sale/yard sale followed by a harvest dance from 7:00 to 10:30pm.

St. Pauls Episcopal Church will have activities starting at 11:00a.m. including a bake table, arts & crafts show and sale, raffle, pumpkin judging, and more.



Habitat for Humanity will have its **Haunted house** at the end of West Greenfield Ave. from 6:00 to 11:30p.m. Admission \$2.00

Main Street ribbon cutting and parade will be at 2:00p.m. starting at Scotts United Methodist Church.

Trappe Volunteer Fire Department will provide **fire truck rides** and hold a **consume judging** at 4:00p.m.



There will be **music in the park** by The Rescue Team and others.

Trick or Treat follows the consume judging and is scheduled from 5:00 to 8:00p.m.



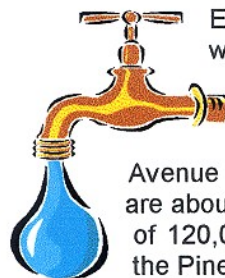
Progress is at last visible in the many projects under way. This is a town celebration for the residents. Higher fees and much inconvenience are at last showing result. More improvements are on the way, and already funded at the present rates. Hope to see you on the 31st.

HOW HIGH'S THE WATER MAMA?

Not everyone on Main Street has confidence in the new storm water drainage system. Heavy rain two weeks ago brought this response. More seriously the flooding on East Greenfield pointed to continuing problems with that part of the storm drainage system.



DROP BY DROP



Ever wonder where your drinking water comes from? Trappe has two deep wells. One is on the West side of Harrison Circle and the other is at the end of Greenfield Avenue near the new water tower. The wells are about 440 ft. deep and deliver an average of 120,000 gallons of water every day from the Piney Point Aquifer.



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